

Summer Interns

Uvi Ajavon graduated this year from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, and came to the Fisheries Statistics Office, where she worked on improving the ability of dealers to access reports electronically from the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System. She was happy that she finally could apply what she had learned to a real situation.



Hajure Fontaine, a senior majoring in Computer Technology at Bowie State University (Maryland), worked with our Habitat Conservation Division, where she was able to apply her computer skills to the adaptation of a new collaborative Habitat Economics Website, designed to assist NOAA staff, who are geographically dispersed, work together on projects.



Aeria Gaddis is a senior at Jackson State University (Mississippi), majoring in Business Administration. This was Aeria's second year at NERO, and she spent the summer with the Office of Law Enforcement, focusing on case processing. She also assisted in some surveillance operations and patrol and field monitoring, which she found particularly exciting.



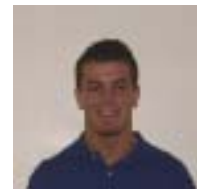
Eileen Marum returned to our Habitat Conservation Division for a second summer internship via the Smith College internship program. She will graduate this year from the Environmental Science and Policy Program, where she is majoring in natural resource economics and marine biology. Highlights of Eileen's internship included working on a poster project for the Bycatch Workshop and participating on a scallop survey cruise aboard the Albatross IV.



Naledi Nyahuma, a junior majoring in Economics at Spelman College in Atlanta, worked with the Protected Resources Division on the Strategy for Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery in Relation to Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico Fisheries. She also became familiar with the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan, and learned Cumulus, a software designed for photo archiving and indexing, so that she could demonstrate the program to staff.



James Rider returned for a second year, this time with the Management and Budget Office. Jimmy is a junior at Middle Tennessee State University, and changed his major recently to Business. The goal of his internship was to gain working knowledge of critical administrative and management tasks associated with the effective operations of NERO.



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Matthew Wang came to us via the American Fisheries Society Hutton Program. Matthew, who will enter Bowdoin College (Maine) this fall, worked both with the Fisheries Statistics Office and the Inspectional Services Office on Parker Street. Matthew wants to focus on the fields of microbiology and Biochemistry at Bowdoin, so he appreciated especially the hands-on experience at Inspectional Services that have prepared him for the laboratory work that he will face in the next few years.

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Kenyetta Watson, a senior majoring in Marketing at Claflin University in South Carolina, came to our State-Federal and Constituent Programs office, where she conducted a market analysis on the green sea urchin fishery, with the goal of increasing the value of the domestic fishery via marketing, enhanced quality and supply through aquaculture, etc. Kenyetta was located in the Permits Office, and enjoyed the company and good humor of staff there.

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Octavia Williams, who graduated this year from Wittenberg University in Columbus, Ohio with a Biology degree, worked with both IRM and the Highly Migratory Species Management Division this summer. Highlights of her internships included assisting with interviews to assess office needs regarding the new telephone system, working on a draft compliance guide regarding fishing regulations, and learning about the fisheries management process. Octavia is keen on pursuing a graduate degree in either marine science or management, so we hope to cross paths with her again in the near future.

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Lauren Wilson, a junior majoring in Biology at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, spent her summer with the Sustainable Fisheries Division, where she produced a brochure that informs the public of the regulatory process, and learned about the fishery management plans for surfclams and ocean quahogs, monkfish, sea scallops, and groundfish.

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Alexus Green was referred to NERO through the Cooperative Marine Education and Research Program at Savannah State University in Georgia. Alexis, who will graduate in December 2004, applied his engineering background to a project with the Protected Resources Division's salmon program, in which he assisted with the design of a new anchoring system to improve the effectiveness of smolt traps used in the Penobscot River in Maine.

